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DRIVE UNIT EMPLOYING
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AMENDMENT A

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed August 14, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add new claim 21 as follows:

21. (New) A head slider for use in a disk drive unit comprising:

a slider main body having at least one air bearing portion on said head

slider which flies above a disk medium at an air outflow end thereof in such a manner that

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